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Mr. George A. Carver, Jr.
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Dear George:

(S) At the NSCIC Working Group meeting of 2 July, Ambassador Ellsworth, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, voiced strong concern over the trend toward a changing military balance between the Arabs and Israelis. He has requested an intelligence community paper addressing this trend projecting well into the future.

(C) As a result of Ambassador Ellsworth's desire, and the expressed interest of the Joint Staff, we are hereby requesting a national product on the subject. We have prepared the attached Terms of Reference for such a paper and have coordinated it within the Department of Defense.

(S) Ambassador Ellsworth noted in his comments on item 3b that the term "economic power" should include the capability of a state to project economic and financial power outward to other states and that the term "military strength" should include the total military capacity that a state can sustain without seriously jeopardizing essential domestic programs and internal order.

Sincerely,

JAMES M. THOMPSON
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Deputy Director for Estimates

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